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**Subject - Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for a Breakwater System at the Diablo East Harbor at Amistad National Recreation Area**

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to construct a new breakwater system in the Diablo East Harbor to protect the public boat dock at the Diablo East boat ramp, the government boat slips, and the marina floating docks from damaging waves during storm events. The breakwater would also provide a safer environment in which park visitors can launch and retrieve their recreational boats at the Diablo East boat ramp during storm conditions. Possible breakwater systems being considered include a fixed breakwater at the mouth of the harbor, floating breakwater platforms at various locations and in various configurations, or combinations of fixed and floating breakwaters. Figure 1 shows the Diablo East Harbor project area.

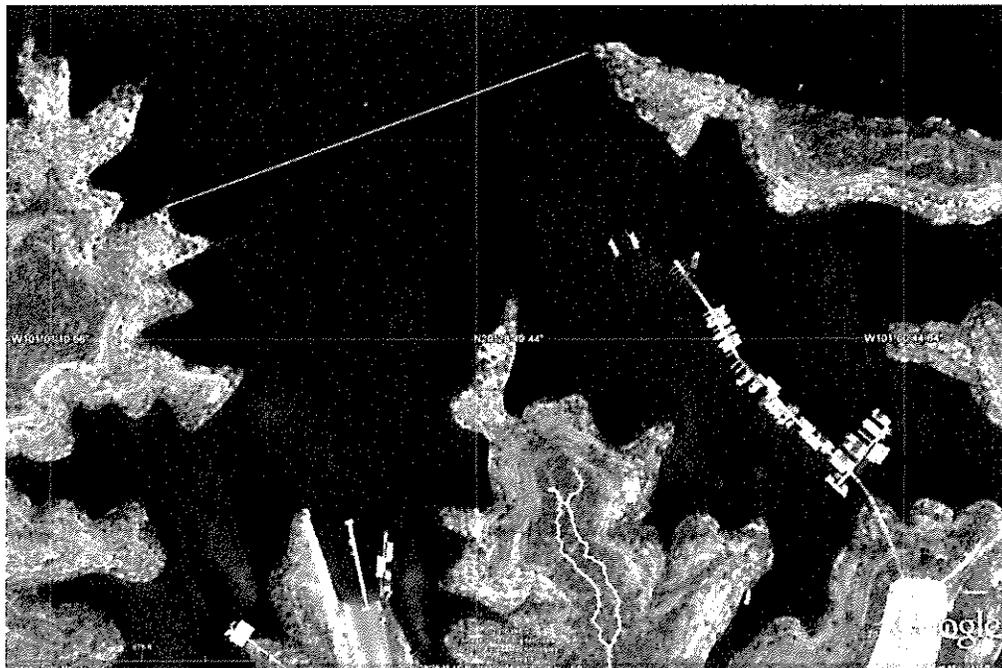


Figure 1. Diablo East Harbor project area showing locations of the government boat slips, the public boat ramp, and the marina boat docks. A white line is drawn at the mouth of the harbor.

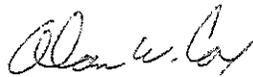
An Environmental Assessment will be prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide the decision-making framework that 1) analyzes a reasonable range of alternatives to meet project objectives, 2) evaluates issues and impacts to park resources and values, and 3) identifies mitigation measures to lessen the degree or extent of these impacts. The Environmental Assessment will consider impacts to topics such as water quality, fish, threatened and endangered species, archeology, visitor use, geology, park operations, and socioeconomics.

The Park encourages public participation throughout the planning process. There will be two opportunities to comment formally on the project—once during initial project scoping and again following release of the Environmental Assessment. The Park is currently in the scoping phase of this proposed project, and invites the public to submit written suggestions, comments, and concerns regarding the proposed project online at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/>.

If you are not able to submit comments electronically through this website, you may submit written comments at the address on this letterhead. Please provide comments by May 26, 2010. These comments will be considered during preparation of the Environmental Assessment.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan W. Cox". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Alan W. Cox  
Superintendent